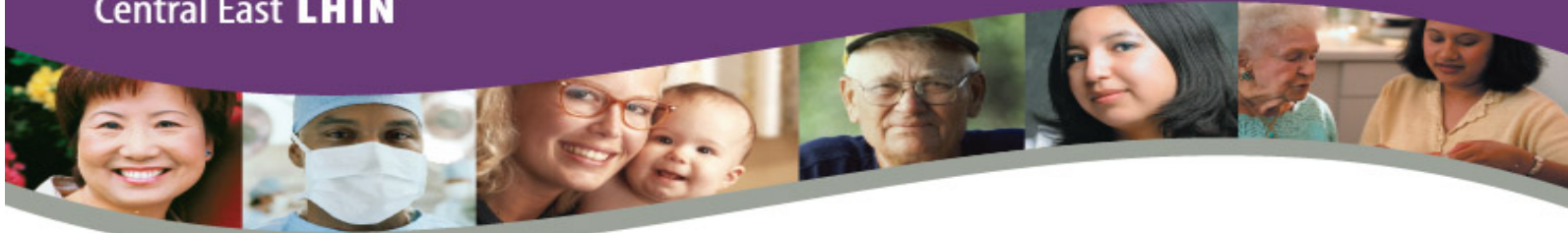


Central East LHIN



ENGAGED COMMUNITIES. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Central East LHIN e-Newsletter - November-December 2008

Welcome to the November-December 2008 edition of the Central East LHIN e-Newsletter "Engaged Communities. Healthy Communities". This newsletter is designed to keep you updated on current events and opportunities for involvement as together we build a stronger, more integrated public health system to serve the residents of the Central East LHIN. As a monthly communication vehicle, it will supplement the information that is continually being posted on the website behind navigations links such as "Resource Documents", "Newsroom" and "Board of Directors". If you would like to receive up to the minute information, be sure to subscribe to the Central East web alert function called MY PAGE. If you have friends, clients or colleagues who do not have access to the Internet, please print this newsletter and share with them.

CAPS/M-SAA Update

After working through a Hospital Annual Planning Submission (HAPS) process and Hospital Accountability Agreement Process (HAPS) with each Central East LHIN hospital, staff at the Central East LHIN are now working with over 70 community agencies as each agency completes their Community Annual Planning Submissions (CAPS) documentation and process and learns more about the new Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement (M-SAA).

These new Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreements form an agreement between the LHIN and each agency for the services to be provided based on the funding that is flowed. The agreements are administered by the Central East LHIN and will be applicable to fiscal years 2009-2011.

Over 90% of the agencies met the November 14th deadline for submitting their Annual Planning Submission and staff are following up directly with those that are outstanding. Submissions are being reviewed through a three-stage process that involves staff from both the Finance, Performance and Planning teams and the goal is to take the first wave of agreements to the Central East LHIN board in the new year for their review and approval.

For more information about this process, please visit the [Accountability](#) page on the Central East LHIN website.

Culture Diversity Equity Project gets new lead

Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care, host of the Central East LHIN-funded Culture Diversity Equity (CDE) Priority Project, is pleased to announce that Felix Munger has been engaged to manage implementation of this Priority Project.

In addition to being an experienced Nursing professional, Felix holds a Master Degree in Environmental Studies, and is a PhD student

in Community Psychology. He has held management portfolios across various specialties in the health, mental health, and addiction services sector as well as taught diversity related subjects. In addition to delivering psychiatric and addictions treatment services he has also worked with community agencies in developing strategies for working with ethnic and other minority population groups in Canada.

Felix and his colleagues will be engaging consumers, service providers, and other stakeholders to review local needs for culturally and diversity specific/competent services across the CE-LHIN region and generate recommendations to service providers, planners, and policy makers towards enhancing equity of access to health services for residents of the Central East LHIN. To view a copy of the project charter, please click [here](#).

Anyone interested in this project is invited to contact Felix directly at felix.munger@yeehong.com.

First Nations and Aboriginal Health Advisory Circle being established

The Central East LHIN is working with First Nations and Aboriginal representatives in the Central East LHIN to establish a permanent committee that will provide advice to the LHIN on goals, priorities and programs that are culturally, socially and historically relevant as the LHIN continues to plan, co-ordinate, integrate and fund the local health care system. The Central East LHIN is a diverse region that includes several First Nations: Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. There are other Aboriginal peoples within the LHIN, principally located in the Greater Toronto Area. These communities combine for a total of approximately 12,000 residents.

The Central East LHIN and First Nations and Aboriginal representatives will be putting out a request for proposal (RFP) for assistance with developing this new Health Advisory Circle. Please watch the [Careers](#) page on the Central East LHIN website for this RFP. The concept of a First Nations and Aboriginal Health Advisory Circle has been endorsed by local First Nation representatives. The Central East LHIN, in partnership with neighbouring LHINs, is undertaking activities to engage First Nations and Aboriginal persons in the Greater Toronto Area in the new year.

Clinical Services Plan process involves hundreds of stakeholders

The Clinical Service Plan Steering Committee is continuing to work with hundreds of stakeholders as each of the five clinical advisory teams submit recommendations on service models that will support the delivery of safe, accessible and quality hospital care now and into the future. In addition to the five clinical advisory teams - Thoracic Care, Cardiac Care, Vascular Care, Maternal, Child and Youth Care and Mental Health and Addiction - the Steering Committee is supported by a Medical Leadership Group, a VP Programs/Chief Nursing Executive (CNE) Leadership Group, the Central East Executive Committee, a Human Resources Advisory Group, a Communications Sub-committee, an Information Management/Information Technology Advisory Group, a Performance Management/Decision Support Advisory Group and the Central East LHIN Rehabilitation Task Group.

A [complete listing of the individuals involved in all these groups](#) can be downloaded from the [Clinical Services Plan page](#) on the Central East LHIN website.

A "Meet and Greet" event on November 25th provided the Steering Committee with an opportunity to discuss the project with provincial associations, hospital board chairs and local government stakeholders. Ongoing updates to Central East LHIN Planning Partners - including Collaboratives, Networks and Task Groups - has given Susan Plewes, the Project Manager, a chance to gather questions on the project that will be posted on the public website under the "Frequently Asked Questions" section. Monthly updates to the Central East LHIN board have continued and can be accessed on the Central East LHIN public website.

Stakeholders from across the Central East LHIN - including the general public - are encouraged to track the progress of this project by visiting the [Clinical Services Plan page](#) on the Central East LHIN website. Questions from the public are very welcome and will also be

posted, along with the answers, behind the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) button.

Get Connected with Care

The latest information about Central East LHIN-funded priority projects including supporting caregivers, assisting seniors as they are discharged from hospital, educating patients on how to manage their chronic conditions and much more, are now just a click away behind the "[Get Connected with Care](#)" button on the Central East LHIN website. These projects all link back to the priorities identified in the LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan including Wait Times and Critical Care, Mental Health and Addictions, Chronic Disease Prevention and Management and Seamless Care for Seniors. Health service providers including hospitals, community agencies and the Central East Community Care Access Centre have provided leadership in sponsoring these projects.

MY PAGE account let's you see what's new

Join the over 1,000 stakeholders who have created a MY PAGE account and are subscribing to the Central East LHIN website. With content on the site being updated on an almost daily basis it can be challenging to track the latest information. By creating a [MY PAGE account](#) and subscribing to content, you will be automatically alerted when new content is added to the website with an email delivered right to your computer. It's fast and easy and a great way to stay informed. New subscription opportunities are also available so don't forget to update your MY PAGE account by subscribing to the newest page "Get Connected with Care."

Season's Greetings

The board and staff of the Central East LHIN would like to wish everyone the very best of the holiday season. A special thank you to everyone in the health care system - staff, physicians and volunteers - who make a difference each and every day. We look forward to working with you in 2009 as we continue to build a stronger, more integrated public health care system.



